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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

MODIFIED CORE-EDGE TOPOLOGY FOR A FIBRE CHANNEL NETWORK

described and claimed

X in the attached specification;
____ in the specification filed _____,
____ as U.S. Application Serial No. _____,
____ and as amended _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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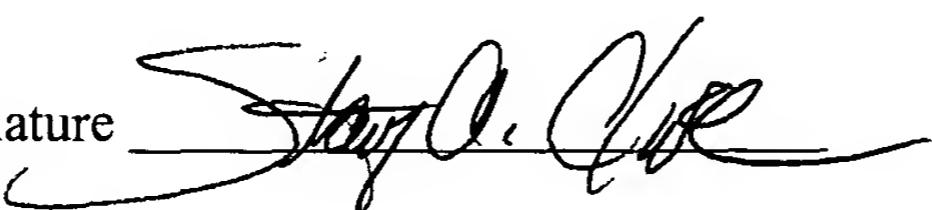
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